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Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez holds a sword which he announced was used by Venezuela's independence hero Simon Bolivar at a military parade in Fort Tiuna in Caracas, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010. Chavez commemorated the anniversary of a failed coup that catapulted him to fame 18 years ago.

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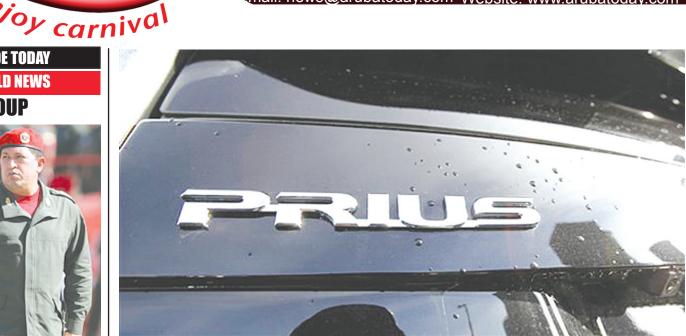
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Players Association **Executive Director DeMaurice** Smith. right, speaks Tennessee Titans and NFL Players Association President Kevin Mawae, left, listens during a news conference Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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A 2010 Toyota Prius sits in the lot at a dealership in Seattle, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010.

Toyota woes mount as gov't examines Prius brakes

TOM KRISHER

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota faced mounting pressure Thursday as the government opened a probe of brake problems with the Prius, a crown jewel of its lineup.

The beleaguered automaker said it was "too soon" to decide whether to add the hybrid to the millions of cars it has recalled.

Some owners of the 2010 Prius have reported their brakes do not always engage immediately when they press the brake pedal, or that the brakes have an inconsistent feel.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it would assess the scope of the problem and the safety risk to about 37,000 cars that could be affected.

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Second large quake in month hits off Northern California

PETROLIA, California (AP) - Residents of Northern California's Humboldt County were rocked by a magnitude-5.9 earthquake Thursday, but officials said there were no immediate reports of major injury or damage from the second large temblor to hit the area within a month.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported the quake struck at 12:20 p.m. about 35 miles northwest of the community of Petrolia and nearly 50 miles west of Eureka.

The shaking was felt within a 150-mile radius, as far north as southern Oregon and as far south as Sonoma County, according to the USGS Web

Local officials and residents reported feeling a rolling sensation that caused items to fall from walls and shelves.

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Attorney: 10 U.S. Baptists charged with child kidnap

FRANK BAJAK **Associated Press Writer**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Ten members of a U.S. missionary group who said they were trying to rescue 33 child victims of Haiti's

devastating earthquake were charged with child kidnapping and criminal association on Thursday, their lawyer said. Edwin Coq said after a court hearing that a judge found sufficient evidence to charge the Americans, who were arrested Friday at Haiti's border with the Dominican attended Republic. Coq Thursday's hearing and

Group leader Laura Silsby

Haiti.

represents the entire group in

Laura Silsby, 40, center, and Charisa Coulter, 24, left, both of Boise, Idaho, are escorted out of the court building in Port-au-Prince, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010. The ten Americans detained in Haiti for trying to take 33 children out of the country after the earthquake, were charged with child kidnapping and criminal association, after a judge found sufficient evidence to file the charges, according to their Haitian lawyer Edwin

Associated Press

has said they were trying to take orphans and abandoned children to an orphanage in the neighboring Dominican Republic.

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Brakes in Toyota Prius at issue Customers have complained of inconsistent brake feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick road. A look at what the issue is: The pedal mechanism prompts the engine control unit (ECU), the car's main electrical brain. At this point the anti-locking system engages and pumps the brakes on and off, making drivers feel an uncomfortable split-second lag in the brakes.

TOYOTA

Continued from Front Page The investigation comes as safety questions surround Toyota, which has already issued broad recalls for millions of its best-selling vehicles, including the Corolla and Camry, because of gas pedals that can become stuck. U.S. officials have blessed Toyota's solution to that problem, a small piece of steel designed to eliminate excess friction in the pedal mechanism, but have criticized Toyota for being too slow in responding to customer complaints.

SOURCE: Toyota Motor North America, Inc.

Asked whether Toyota would recall the 2010 Prius, spokesman Brian Lyons said: "It's too soon to call at this

point. We will, of course, fully cooperate with NHTSA in that investigation."

Lyons also said Toyota is checking other hybrid models in its lineup to see if they have the same braking system as the 2010 model, but said he was so far unaware of any other models being involved.

Congressional investigators expanded their review of Toyota to include the Prius as Rep. Darrell Issa, the ranking Republican on the House Oversight Committee, asked Toyota for records on its Prius brakes.

The committee plans a hearing next week on Toyota's recalls, the first of two in Congress this month. Issa said he would focus on whether Toyota or NHTSA failed to properly deal with safety complaints or address them quickly enough. "We think they should have acted more aggressively or quickly," said Issa, who owns four Priuses, none of which fall under the investigation.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said he and attorneys general in other states may take legal action against Toyota over possible deceptive claims to consumers about the safety of the company's cars.

"Typically, on an issue of this magnitude and impact, we might well join forces," Blumenthal said in an interview.

Toyota said some customers have complained of an inconsistent feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick roads when the antilock brakes engage. Normally, the brakes grab and release rapidly in reaction to slipping tires.

Paul Nolasco, a Toyota spokesman in Japan, said the time lag drivers feel before brakes kick in stems from the two systems in a gas-electric hybrid — the gas-engine and the electric motor. The brakes work if the driver keeps pushing the pedal, he said.

NHTSA said some Prius owners reported a "brief lag" or "brief surge" when they used the brakes. The agency did not specify how long those lags were. At highway speeds, a car can travel nearly 100 feet (31 meters) in just one second.

Toyota said it has received 180 reports of problems with Prius brakes in Japan and the United States. The problem is suspected in four crashes resulting in two minor injuries, according to a NHTSA preliminary safety report.

Company officials in Japan said they had not yet decided whether the problem would warrant a recall of Prius vehicles. Japanese Transport Minister Seiji Maehara pressed the company to consider it.

NHTSA's review of Prius is preliminary and may expand. Most complaints do not prompt a formal probe. For example, NHTSA receives an average of 35,000 consumer complaints each year, but opens only about 100 investigations.

Despite the preliminary nature of the investigations, analysts said Toyota may be forced to take more decisive action like issuing a recall because of the intense scrutiny it faces from regulators and customers.

"People are hypersensitive right now," said Erich Merkle, president of the consulting company Autoconomy.com. "I don't know how they will be able to work around this without doing a recall."

Prius is not Toyota's biggest seller — the company sold 140,000 in the U.S. last year, far less than the 357,000 Camrys — but holds a cherished spot in its lineup.

Toyota was one of the first companies to mass-market a hybrid that combines an electric motor with a gas engine, introducing the Prius in Japan in 1997 and to the world in 2001. Its high gas mileage made it popular among environmentally conscious drivers, especially when gas prices spiked two years ago.

But the complexity of the Prius, a highly computerized car, has led to problems in the past. In 2005, the company repaired 75,000 of them to fix software glitches that caused the engine to stall. It has also had trouble with headlights going out.

In the case of the gas pedal problems, Toyota has insisted the trouble is mechanical, not electronic.

Separately, Ford Motor Co. plans to fix 17,600 Mercury Milan and Ford Fusion gaselectric hybrids because of a software problem that can give drivers the impression that the brakes have failed. The automaker says the problem occurs in transition between two braking systems and at no time are drivers without brakes.

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Blagojevich charged in fresh corruption indictment

MIKE ROBINSON AP Legal Affairs Writer CHICAGO (AP)

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his brother were charged Thursday in a fresh corruption indictment that contains no new allegations of misconduct but which prosecutors hope will help speed the start of Blagojevich's trial.

The new indictment only adds charges based on the same allegations the Blagojeviches have faced for months, including scheming to sell or trade the Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama's election to the White House and a variety of political fundraising abuses.

The new charges are an attempt by prosecutors to ensure that a legal controversy now before the U.S. Supreme Court doesn't delay the brothers' trial, which is scheduled to get under way June 3.

The dispute before the high court is over a federal

QUAKE

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Humboldt County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Brenda Godsey, who was in a restaurant at the time, said the quake lasted 25 to 30 seconds, with none of the violent jolts felt last month.

"Everybody was very calm and just sort of waited it out," she said, adding that sheriff's dispatchers received no significant calls.

Many said the movement didn't feel nearly as severe as the magnitude-6.5 quake that struck the same region Jan. 9 and caused more than \$40 million in damage and one serious injury — an elderly woman who

law that allows charges of denying taxpayers the right to "honest services." The charge appears throughout the previous indictment against Blagojevich.

But critics say the law is imprecise and Justice Antonin Scalia once said it was so vague a mayor could be indicted for using political clout to get a good table at a restaurant. Now the Supreme Court is weighing three honestservices fraud appeals filed by former newspaper baron Conrad M. Black, former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling and a former Alaska state lawmaker with financial ties to an oil company.

Some believe the high court could throw out the law or modify it to such an extent that the honest-services counts in the Blagojevich case would be useless, which could delay the trial for many months.

Prosecutors declined to comment on the new 24-count, 113-page indictment

but filed a five-page explanatory brief that said it "maintains all of the original charges against defendant Rod Blagojevich and defendant Robert Blagojevich."

That means the honest services fraud counts remain. But eight other counts are added. For example, Count One was formerly racketeering conspiracy charge that was based on honest service fraud. It is now a substantive racketeering charge.

Prosecutors had been planning the new indictment and told U.S. District Judge James B. Zagel weeks ago that they could drop the honest services fraud charges if necessary and proceed on the new charges.

Besides the Blagojeviches, two former Blagojevich chiefs of staff, John Harris andAlonzoMonk, are named in the indictment. Both already have pleaded guilty and are expected to testify for the government

fell and broke her hip.

Steve Walter, a seismologist at the USGS in Menlo Park, said Thursday's quake was not an aftershock because it occurred on a different fault, but "we could speculate it might have been triggered by the one last month."

The temblor — initially reported by the USGS as magnitude-6.0 but later revised to magnitude-5.9 — did not trigger any tsunami warnings.

Walter said the far-northern coast of California is the most seismically active area in the state, but the potential for damage and injuries there is smaller because it is less populated.





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Brown sworn in as senator from Massachus



Vice President Joe Biden, right, reenacts the swearing in of Sen. Scott Brown, R-Mass., left, as Brown's wife Gail Huff holds the family bibles, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010,in the Old Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington. Earlier, Brown was sworn in on the floor of the Senate.

Associated Press Experience the Excitement...Feel like a Winner ANDREW MIGA. **Associated Press Writer** OCCIDENTAL GRAND CASINO WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Scott Brown took over the seat of the late ARUBA Massachusetts Sen. Edward WIN COT TO THE PARTY OF THE PAR Kennedy on Thursday,

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supermajority necessary for passage of much of President Barack Obama's priority legislation.

Brown was sworn-in by Vice President Joe Biden Thursday at a Congressional ceremony a week earlier than he originally had planned and just in time to plunge him into a partisan fight over Obama's choice of a union attorney for a top labor job.

Brown's arrival in the Senate ends the Democrats' supermajority by giving the minority Republicans 41 votes they can use to block President Barack Obama's agenda. Under Senate rules, contentious legislation often requires a three-fifths vote for passage, or 60 in the 100-member body.

Brown, 50, a little-known former state senator, stunned the nation with his upset victory last month over favored Democrat Martha Choicely and put the 2010 elections

in play for a possible Republican takeover Congress. of Brown's derailed Obama's win health care overhaul and catapulted the new senator onto the national stage.

On Wednesday, Brown said he wanted to move up the swearing-in so that he could participate in coming Senate votes. Thursday morning, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick certified the results of Brown's victory, clearing the way for him to take the oath of office.

Conservative radio hosts and newspaper columnists had pressed for Brown to take office earlier.

Former Democratic Party Chairman Paul Kirk had been holding the temporarily through his appointment by Patrick after Kennedy died.

Brown will fill the last two years of the Kennedy's term. Kennedy, youngest brother of former President John F. Kennedy, had held the seat for nearly a halfcentury before he died in August.

Depending on Democrats set the Senate's calendar, Brown's first vote could be against the confirmation of Craig Becker, a lawyer for the Service Employees International Union, to a seat on the National Labor Relations Board, the federal panel that referees private sector labor-management disputes.

The Senate Health, Labor Education, and Pensions Committee approved Becker's nomination on a partyline 13-10 vote Thursday, sending it to the full Senate.

Republicans have held up Becker's confirmation for months, saying they fear he might use the post to make labor laws more union-friendly without congressional approval.



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Asylum hearing for Obama aunt ends with no ruling

AP Legal Affairs Writer BOSTON (AP) immigration hearing for President Barack Obama's African aunt ended Thursday without an immediate decision in her second bid for asylum

Kenya native Zeituni Onyango did not comment after testifying for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours Thursday at the closed proceedings in U.S. Immigration Court.

in the United States.

"The hearing went well. She was very honest. She was very to the point," her lawyer, Margaret Wong, said afterward.

Wong said Onyango is hopeful the judge will rule in her favor because "she really wants to stay in America."

Two doctors also testified in support of the case her lawyer said includes medical reasons to stay in the U.S. Wong declined afterward to discuss specifics before a judge's decision.

The 57-year-old Onyango arrived in a wheelchair Thursday, a cane across her lap. She used the cane to walk to a waiting car afterward.

In a November interview with The Associated Press, she said she is disabled and learning to walk again after being

paralyzed from Guillain-Barre syndrome, an autoimmune disorder.

It was not clear when Judge Leonard Shapiro will rule. Attorneys have 30 days to file written closing briefs. The hearing may be continued on May 25 if there is no decision before then.

At the White House, press secretary Robert Gibbs said that the first family is not helping pay Onyango's legal fees and that the president has not spoken to her since he learned of her immigration status just days before the November 2008 elections.

"We would continue to say that everybody in this country should and must follow the law," Gibbs said. "We have not been involved at all in that hearing."

Wong also said the president has not become involved in Onyango's hearing. Asked Thursday if Obama had submitted a letter on behalf of his aunt, the attorney replied "absolutely not."

Onyango, the half-sister of Obama's late father, moved to the United States in 2000. Her first asylum request was rejected, and she was ordered deported in 2004. But she didn't leave the country and

continued to live in public housing in Boston.

In November, Onyango said she never asked Obama to intervene in her case and didn't tell him about her immigration difficulties.

"He has nothing to do with my problem," she told the AP. In his memoir, "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," Obama affectionately referred to Onyango as "Auntie Zeituni" described meeting her during his 1988 trip to Kenya.

Onyango helped care for the president's half brothers and sister while living with Barack Obama Sr. in Kenya.

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President Barack Obama's aunt, Zeituni Onyango, right, a native of Kenya, rides in a wheelchair accompanied by unidentified men after requesting asylum at a closed immigration hearing Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, in Boston.

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Sinn Fein: Belfast talks over, new pact possi



Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, right, walks with Martin McGuinness during negotiations at Hillsborough Castle, Co. Down in Northern Ireland, Saturday Jan. 30, 2010. Rival leaders of Northern Ireland's Catholic-Protestant administration are thought to be edging closer to a new power-sharing deal, following marathon negotiations over recent days.

Associated Press

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press Writer

DUBLIN (AP) — The Irish Catholic party Sinn Fein said Thursday it has ended its involvement in marathon

negotiations to save Northern Ireland's power-sharing government — and it's now up to the Protestant side to accept a compromise deal on the table

Sinn Fein negotiator Gerry Kelly told reporters that the talks, begun Jan. 25 under the direction of the British and Irish governments, "have come to a conclusion. And our negotiating team believe we have the basis for moving the whole thing forward."

Sinn Fein is threatening to withdraw from Northern Ireland's government - collapsing the Catholic-Protestant coalition at the heart of the province's 1998 peace accord — unless Protestant politicians stop blocking plans for a new Justice Department that would oversee the courts and police.

The major Protestant party, the Democratic Unionists, later said they weren't done negotiating yet with Britain, even if Sinn Fein has dropped out.

"If one team leaves the pitch (playing field) before blown, that is a matter for them," Democratic Unionist negotiator Edwin Poots said. "We are still playing."

Democratic Unionist leaders met British officials after dark to discuss key financial aspects of the potential deal.

These include Britain's promise to provide 800 million pounds (\$1.3 billion) to the proposed Justice Department - and, in a surprise lastminute gambit, Protestant hopes of winning a British bailout for 10,000 investors in a collapsed Presbyterian bank in Belfast.

Afterward, Democratic Unionist leader Peter Robinson wouldn't say whether he would convene the party's lawmakers Friday to vote on the latest agreement text. A private Democratic Unionist vote Monday on an earlier draft drew strong opposition,

the referee's whistle is spurring Robinson to seek more concessions from Britain and Sinn Fein

> Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, writing in his blog Thursday, said his party had conceded nothing of substance to the Protestant side in recent days. Nonetheless, Adams said he was confident that Robinson would win sufficient party backing for compromise the second time around.

> "I have no doubt that Peter Robinson will win the support of his group. Of course I could be wrong," Adams wrote.

> Democratic Unionist lawmakers are badly divided on whether to cut any new deal with Sinn Fein now, because a British general election is imminent — and they could lose Protestant votes to harderline politicians if they offer too many concessions to Sinn Fein.

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She acknowledged they had not sought permission from Haitian officials, but said they just meant to help victims of the quake.

The children taken from the group, ranging in age from 2 to 12, were being cared for at the Austrian-run SOS Children's Village in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday.

The U.S. citizens, most of them members of an Idaho-based church group, were whisked away from the closed court hearing to jail in Portau-Prince, the capital. Silsby waved and smiled faintly to reporters but declined to answer questions.

Coq said that under Haiti's legal system, there won't be an open trial, but a judge will consider the evidence and could render a verdict in about three months.

Coq said a Haitian prosecutor told him the Americans were charged because they had the children in their possession. No one from the Haitian government could be reached immediately for comment.

Each kidnapping count carries a possible sentence of five to 15 years in prison. Each criminal association count has a potential sentence of three to nine years.

Coq said that nine of the 10 knew nothing about the alleged scheme, or that paperwork for the children was not in order. "I'm going to do everything I can to get the nine out," Coq said. That would still leave

SINN FEIN Continued from Previous Page

Northern Ireland powersharing was supposed to consign to history a conflict that has claimed 3,700 lives since the late 1960s.

Peace has prevailed thanks to 1990s cease-fires and more recent disarmament by the province's major outlawed groups. But the aim of uniting Northern Ireland's 1.8 million residents through a unity government has proved a titanic struggle.

The IRA-linked Sinn Fein has demanded that Britain transfer its control over law-and-order issues to a new locally run Justice Department. The British, Irish and U.S.

mission leader Laura Silsby facing charges.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said in Washington the U.S. was open to discuss "other legal avenues" for the defendants — an apparent reference to the Haitian prime minister's earlier suggestion that Haiti could consider sending the Americans back to the United States for prosecution.

Several parents of the children in Callebas, a quake-wracked Haitian village near the capital, told The Associated Press Wednesday they had handed over their children willingly because they were unable to feed or clothe their children and the American missionaries promised to give them a better life.

Their accounts contradicted statements by Silsby, of Meridian, Idaho.

In a jailhouse interview Saturday, Silsby told the AP that most of the children had been delivered to the Americans by distant relatives, while some came from orphanages that had collapsed in the quake.

"They are very precious kids that have lost their homes and families and are so deeply in need of, most of all, God's love and his compassion," she said

In Callebas, parents said a local orphanage worker, fluent in English and acting on behalf of the Baptists, had convened nearly the entire village of 500 people on a dirt soccer field to present the Americans' offer. Isaac Adrien, 20, told his

governments all back the idea, arguing this would boost Catholic support for the police and criminal justice system.

But the Democratic Unionists
— loathe to let any former IRA commanders have a role in administering justice — have vetoed the move for the past two years.

The Democratic Unionists now demand, in exchange for dropping their veto, that Sinn Fein give hard-line Protestant groups greater leeway to march once again past Sinn Fein power bases. British authorities barred the traditional summertime parades from the most bitterly disputed streets after widespread rioting in the mid-1990s.

neighbors the missionaries would educate their children in the neighboring Dominican Republic, the villagers said, adding that they were also assured they would be free to visit their children there.

Many parents jumped at the offer.

Adrien said he met Silsby in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 26. She told him she was looking for homeless children, he said, and he knew exactly where to find them.

He rushed home to Callebas, where people scrape by growing carrots, peppers and onions. That very day, he had a list of 20 children.

As they loaded children onto a bus in Callebas on Jan. 28, the Americans took down contact information for all the families and assured them a relative would be able to visit them in the Dominican Republic.

The Americans' journey began last summer after Silsby and her former nanny, 24-year-old Charisa Coulter, resolved to establish an orphanage for Haitian children in the Dominican Republic. Coulter is among the jailed Americans.

They began buying up used clothing and collecting donations from their Central Valley Baptist Church in Meridian and in November, Silsby registered the New Life Children's Refuge Inc., the nonprofit organization coordinating the rescue mission. It listed the address of her now-foreclosed home in Meridian as its headquarters.



Democratic Unionist Party, DUP, leader Peter Robinson pauses as he speaks to the media outside Hillsborough Castle, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Friday, Jan. 29, 2010. Associated Press



Rev. Jean Sainvil is pictured inside the sanctuary of Gospel Assembly Church which he pastors, Wednesday Feb. 3, 2010, in Norcross, Ga. Sainvil traveled with a group of missionaries from Idaho to assist them in transporting orphans out of Haiti, however some, not including Sainvil, were arrested during their efforts.

Associated Press

Then the quake hit. Silsby and Coulter moved into high gear, gathering donations and assembling a team to go into Haiti and urgently take out children, the younger woman's father, Mel Coulter, told the AP from his home in Kuna, Idaho.

The group packed 40 plastic bins of donated goods into a U-Haul trailer and drove to Salt Lake City on Jan. 22, where they took a flight to the Dominican Republic. They made their way to Haiti, where four days later, they were introduced to Adrien.

Adrien, who had served as the go-between and translator for the missionaries, said he had no knowledge of the group's larger plans; villagers said they were told none of their children would be offered for adoption.

A Haitian-born pastor who said he worked as an unpaid consultant for the group insisted the Baptists had done nothing wrong.

The Rev. Jean Sainvil said some of the children were orphans and might have been put up for adoption. Children with parents were to be kept in the Dominican Republic, and would not lose contact with their families, Sainvil said in Atlanta.

"Everybody agreed that they knew where the children were

going. The parents were told, and we confirmed they would be allowed to see the children and even take them back if need be," he said.

Sainvil stressed that in Haiti it is not uncommon for parents who can't support their children to send them to orphanages.

Even Prime Minister Max Bellerive has said he recognized the Americans may simply have been well-meaning who believed their charitable Christian intent justified trying to remove the children from quake-crippled Haiti.

Only minutes before the charges, the Americans' Dominican lawyer, Jorge Puello, had said he expected at least nine of the 10 to be released and said he was arranging a charter flight for them from Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital.

After the Haitian lawyer's announcement, Puello could not be reached by telephone for comment.

"I'm at the airport (in Santo Domingo) and we're getting the plane ready. We're just waiting for the green light," Puello said. "I spoke to a source inside the jail — a government official — who said nine would be released but one would be held for further investigation."



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Venezuelan police break up anti-Chavez protest



University students clash with police during a protest against Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez in Caracas, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010. Police blocked the protesters' march route from a downtown plaza to Congress.

Associated Press

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press Writer

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)
— Police used tear gas, plastic bullets and water cannons to scatter hundreds of

students protesting against the government Thursday, while President Hugo Chavez's supporters celebrated the 18th anniversary of his failed coup as an army officer.

Caracas Police Chief Carlos Meza said authorities broke up the protest because university students had not been granted permission to march. He said the denial was aimed at preventing clashes with thousands of "Chavistas" marching across the capital to mark the botched 1992 military rebellion that Chavez led as a lieutenant colonel.

"They don't have permission to march," Meza said.

Student leaders countered that they have the right to stage peaceful protests, and they said authorities loyal to Chavez frequently deny them permission to demonstrate. Before the protest was dispersed, students chanted: "We're students, not coup plotters!"

"This is one more

demonstration of the government's abuse of power," student leader Roderick Navarro said.

Students started leading protests last week after the government pressured cable and satellite TV providers to drop an opposition channel. Students have organized demonstrations in cities across the country, accusing Chavez of forcing Radio Caracas Television International off the airwaves as a means of silencing his critics.

Chavez challenged the students to continue staging demonstrations, saying they won't weaken his socialist government. But he warned them against stirring up violence, suggesting

authorities would break up protests that get out of control.

"Don't make a mistake with us. You'll get a firm response," Chavez said during a speech to his supporters at Venezuela's largest military fort.

Thousands of Chavez's backers gathered to listen to Chavez, who hailed the Feb. 4, 1992, military uprising against then-President Carlos Andres Perez as a justified rebellion seeking to topple a corrupt government that ignored the plight of Venezuela's poor.

More than 80 civilians and 17 soldiers were killed before troops loyal to the government quelled the coup attempt, which Chavez commemorates annually.



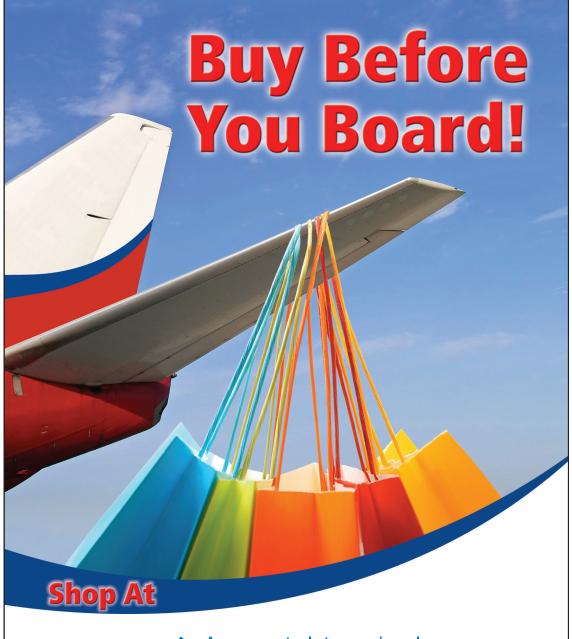
In this photo supplied by Zinc Media, former South African President Nelson Mandela and his former wife Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, right, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, toast the upcoming 20th anniversary of Mandela's release from prison, with family, friends and former activists of the liberation struggle, during the filming of a documentary "Conversations About That Day". The documentary is being filmed to coincide with Mandela's release from the Victor Verster Prison in Paarl, near Cape Town, on Feb. 11, 1990, after the unbanning of the African National Congress.

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Mandela celebrates 20 years of freedom

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Nelson Mandela, fellow veterans of South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle and family have raised glasses of bubbly to celebrate the 20th anniversary of his release from prison. Mandela was released Feb. 11, 1990 after 27 years in prison, most of it spent on Cape Town's Robben Island. In video released from a celebration at his Johannesburg home Thursday, Cyril Ramaphosa, an ANC leader who helped organize Mandela's welcome two decades ago, proposes a toast in which he says that Mandela remains an inspiration and that the sacrifices he made would never be forgotten.

Mandela's former wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, and some of their children and grandchildren are seen joining the celebration in the video released by Zinc Media, a production company owned by Mandela's daughter Zindzi Mandela.





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pain's super-judge closer to being charged

Associated Press Writer

MADRID (AP) — The magistrate known for indicting Osama bin Laden and Augusto Pinochet may have knowingly acted without jurisdiction by probing Spanish Civil War atrocities, a court said Thursday in a ruling that takes Spain's most famed judge a step closer to being put on trial himself.

Those atrocities — the killings of tens of thousands of civilians by forces loyal to Gen. Francisco Franco during the 1936-39 war and in the early years of the Franco regime — were covered by an amnesty passed by Parliament in 1977, two years after Franco died.

But Baltasar Garzon ignored this and in 2008 launched his probe anyway, Lucio Varela, an investigating magistrate at the Supreme Court, wrote in the 55-page

A five-judge panel at the court will eventually decide whether to drop the case or let Varela decide on bringing charges and putting Garzon on trial. If convicted of knowingly acting without jurisdiction, Garzon could be suspended from the bench for years.

Garzon has denied any wrongdoing. He began his probe in the summer of 2008 but reluctantly bowed out a few months later in a dispute over jurisdiction, transferring the case to provincial courts.

His short-lived probe was Spain's first official one ever of a dark and largely unexplored chapter in the country's past, and it was widely seen as seeking an indictment of the Franco regime itself.

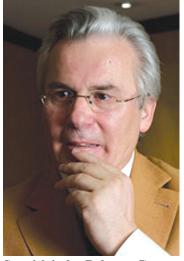
Last year a conservative group called Manos Libres filed a complaint against Garzon for having launched

investigation in the first place, and the Supreme Court agreed to study it. Varela was assigned to the case.

He wrote Thursday that Garzon "consciously decided to ignore or push aside" the will of the Spanish Parliament in decreeing the 1977 amnesty to help the country move toward reconciliation.

Over the past decade Garzon gained fame worldwide as the most prominent symbol of Spain's doctrine of universal jurisdiction, which holds that heinous crimes like torture or terrorism can be tried in this country even if they are alleged to have been committed elsewhere and had no link to Spain.

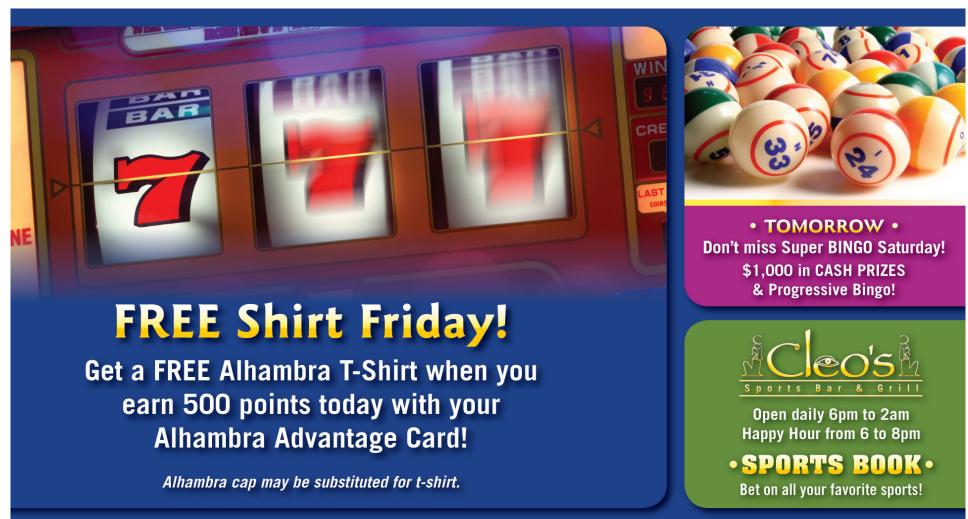
He used it in 1998 to go after Pinochet, having the ex-despot arrested during a visit to London, although Britain ultimately refused to extradite him to Madrid for trial. Garzon indicted bin Laden in 2003



Spanish judge Baltazar Garzon is seen in this March 11, 2009 file photo in Guatemala City.

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Coroner: Pneumonia, drugs killed Brittany Murphy



FILE - In this Feb. 4, 2008 file photo, actress Brittany Murphy attends the Max Azria 2008 Fall Collection during Fashion Week, in New York.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer, File)

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES – Brittany Murphy died from pneumonia, but anemia and prescription drugs also played a role, coroner's officials said Thursday.

The primary cause of death was community-acquired pneumonia, with contributing factors of iron deficiency anemia and "multiple drug intoxication," according to the Los Angeles County coroner's office.

The death was ruled accidental.



FILE - In this Nov. 23, 2009 file picture, Dr. Conrad Murray arrives at his clinic in Houston. Michael Jackson's physician has arrived in Los Angeles in anticipation of a decision from the district attorney's office on whether to charge him for the singer's death, a spokeswoman said Tuesday Feb. 2, 2010.

(AP Photo/Pat Sullivan, File)

Coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey declined to specify what types of drugs were involved but said they were all prescription medications. Details about the drugs the "Clueless" and "8 Mile" star had in her system will be released in several weeks when a complete report is done.

Murphy died Dec. 20 at age 32 after collapsing at her Hollywood Hills home. Her mother and husband have said the actress didn't abuse prescription medications or have an eating disorder.

Attempts to reach them for further comment were not immediately successful Thursday.

Murphy's husband, Simon Monjack, and mother, Sharon Murphy, told investigators the actress had been experiencing flu-like symptoms in the days before she died.

Monjack told The Associated Press last month that his wife did take several prescriptions, including an anti-seizure drug, but did not abuse the medications.

He said she had been taking over-the-counter Robitussin for her recent sickness.

A memorial for a foundation in Brittany Murphy's name that had been planned for Thursday was abruptly canceled with no explanation.

Dr. Michael Baden, the former chief medical examiner in New York City, said the coroner's determination indicated drugs probably played a key role in Murphy's death.

"If she died of pneumonia, that cause of death is a natural cause," Baden said. He said the use of some prescription medications can lead to pneumonia, and that the coroner's office may have listed that as the primary cause to lessen the blow to Murphy's family.

"It sounds more like it's a drug-related than a natural pulmonary pneumonia," said Baden, who did not work on the Murphy case but has served as an expert witness in numerous high-profile deaths. He said the quantities and types of drugs Murphy was taking is key to understanding how she died, as well as how recently she saw a doctor.

"One doesn't die of pneumonia, usually, that quickly," Baden said. He also downplayed the role anemia may have played in Murphy's death.

Casey Johnson's death diabetes related



FILE - In this Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008 file photo, Casey Johnson arrives at the grand opening of Apple Lounge in West Hollywood, Calif. The Los Angeles County coroner announced Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 that Johnson's death was was caused by diabetic ketoacidosis, a life-threatening condition caused by lack of insulin and sky-high blood sugar. The coroner conducted Johnson's autopsy Jan. 5. Her body was found a day earlier in her Los Angeles home.

(AP Photo/Dan Steinberg, file)

LOS ANGELES – Socialite Casey Johnson died of a complication of diabetes, the Los Angeles County coroner said Thursday.

Johnson, 30, an heir to the Johnson & Johnson health care products fortune, died of diabetic ketoacidosis, the coronersaidinabriefstatement.

Diabetic ketoacidosis is a lifethreatening condition caused by lack of insulin and skyhigh blood sugar.

An autopsy was conducted Jan. 5, a day after Johnson's body was found at her home. The coroner's office said it would not be able to discuss specifics until the autopsy report and toxicology results become available within two weeks.

Dr. Michael Baden, former chief medical examiner in New York City, said Johnson probably slipped into a diabetic coma, but people can usually be resuscitated from that in the first 24 hours.

"If you have somebody with diabetes, there should be somebody checking up on that person," said Baden, who has been an expert witness in cases involving the late comedian John Belushi and former pro football star O.J. Simpson.

A message left for a family spokesman was not immediately returned.

Johnson, the daughter of New York Jets owner Robert "Woody" Johnson, lived a party life. In December, she announced her engagement to bisexual reality TV star Tila Tequila.

Her body was flown east for a private funeral.

Johnson had been an insulindependent diabetic since childhood. A memorial fund in her name was set up with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Her father is chairman of that organization and co-author of the book "Managing Your Child's Diabetes."

Casey Johnson lived in a quiet neighborhood behind big wooden gates marked "Grumblenot," but she often partied with high school friend and fellow heiress Paris Hilton.

Johnson was charged in December with burglary and receiving stolen property for allegedly taking \$22,000 in clothing, jewelry and other items from a friend's home. She pleaded not guilty and faced a February hearing.

Attorney says Jackson's doc is talking surrender

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY and THOMAS WATKINS,

Associated Press Writers

LOS ANGELES – With a criminal charge looming, Michael Jackson's doctor is negotiating his surrender to Los Angeles authorities, his attorney said Thursday.

A statement from Ed Chernoff said he was negotiating with the district attorney's office for Dr. Conrad Murray to turn himself in, but there has been no agreement on specifics.

"When the agreement is complete, we will report further," Chernoff said.

Murray has maintained that nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him.

Murray's arraignment already has been set for Friday afternoon, a person familiar with the planning told The Associated Press. The person declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the situation. The possible charge was not disclosed. However, two law enforcement

officials have told the AP prosecutors plan to charge Murray with involuntary manslaughter, alleging he gave Jackson a powerful anesthetic that led to his June 25 overdose death at a rented mansion in Los Angeles.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the case. Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the district attorney, would not confirm or deny that Murray would appear Friday at the courthouse. Murray, who has a practice in Houston, came to Los Angeles last weekend and has been strategizing with his defense team. Police have been investigating Murray since Jackson's death. The doctor told detectives he'd given the singer a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives to get the chronic insomniac star to sleep. Jackson, 50, died soon thereafter, and investigators have been gathering evidence to try to show Murray was negligent in administering the drugs.

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Stocks tumble on worries about jobs, European debt

By STEPHEN BERNARD and TIM PARADIS,

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK - Stocks buckled Thursday under the growing belief that the global economy is weaker than many investors expected and is likely to stop the U.S. labor market from rebounding in the coming months. A flood of bad news, including rising debt levels in European nations and an unexpected jump in the number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits, had investors pulling money out of assets like stocks and commodities that are looking increasingly risky.

Demand for safe haven holdings like the dollar and Treasurys jumped as the euro tumbled. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 210 points, and all the major indexes were down about 2 percent.

The day's news reminded investors that the global economic recovery remains tenuous. It also raised questions about whether the market can resume its rebound from the 12-year lows it hit last March. Investors were concerned Thursday that a weakening of foreign economies could spill over to the U.S. and put more pressure on the job market, which is seen as the biggest obstacle to a recovery.

The drop was similar to stumbles the market began having in mid-January as China's attempts to curb its overheated growth brought worries that the other world economies could suffer as a result. The drops worsened as leaders in Washington said they would impose tighter regulations on U.S. banks. The benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.7 percent in January, its worst month since the market's climb began last year.

Claims for unemployment benefits rose by 8,000 to 480,000 last week, the Labor Department reported, disappointing investors who had hoped for a drop. It was the fourth increase in the past five weeks. The number of lost jobs was the highest in two months and upended hopes

that claims would resume falling, as they did in the fall and early winter.

The jobless claims numbers chilled expectations that the government's January jobs report, due Friday, would show that employers added workers in the first month of the year. Analysts currently expect Friday report to show that employers added 5,000 jobs in January, but also that the unemployment rate ticked up to 10.1 percent from 10 percent.

U.S. trading also was affected by European markets, which dropped on concerns about onerous debt levels in countries including Greece, Spain and Portugal. The euro hit a sevenmonth low against the dollar. The gain in the dollar wasn't as steep as the drop in the euro. Still, the rising dollar hurt demand for commodities, which are priced in dollars and become more expensive to foreign buyers when the dollar climbs. The concern about jobs and finances in Europe overshadowed improvements in worker productivity and an



Specialist Patrick King works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

In early afternoon trading, the Dow fell 210.93, or 2.1 percent, to 10,059.62, its biggest drop in two weeks. The day's slide erased most of the market's gains from the first two days of the week and put the psychological barrier of 10,000 back on investors' radar. The Dow hasn't fallen

increase in factory orders.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 26.37, or 2.4 percent, to 1,070.91, while the Nasdaq composite index slid 51.09, or 2.3 percent, to

below 10,000 since Nov. 6.

2,139.82.

The bad news on employment and European government debt overshadowed pockets of better than expected sales reports from some U.S. retailers. Macy's Inc. raised its profit forecast after sales rose and it discounted fewer items. Manny Weintraub, president of Integre Advisors in New York, said the economy won't be able to recover and the stock market won't be able to extend its 11-month run if consumers don't eventually start ratcheting up spending

First-time jobless claims rise unexpectedly

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – The number of newly laid-off workers filing initial claims for jobless benefits rose unexpectedly last week, evidence that layoffs are continuing and jobs remain scarce.

The rise is the fourth in the past five weeks. Most economists hoped that claims would resume a downward trend that was evident in the fall and early winter.

The Labor Department said Thursday that new claims for unemployment insurance rose by 8,000 to a seasonally adjusted 480,000. Wall Street economists had expected a drop to 460,000, according to Thomson Reuters.

The four-week average, which smooths fluctuations, rose for the third straight week to 468,750.

The figure is the highest in the past two months. Initial claims dropped sharply in late December, raising hopes among economists that layoffs were nearing an end and the economy would soon start generating net gains in jobs.

The figures come a day before the Labor Department is scheduled to report the January employment figures, which are expected to show a tiny gain in jobs. The unemployment rate is forecast to rise to 10.1 percent.

The number of people continuing to claim benefits was unchanged at 4.6 million. That data lags initial claims by a week.

But the so-called continuing claims do not include millions of people who have used up the regular 26 weeks of benefits typically provided by states, and are receiving extended benefits for up to 73 additional weeks, paid for by the federal government.

More than 5.8 million people were receiving extended benefits in the week ended Jan. 16, the latest data available, up from about 5.6 million the previous week. The extended benefit data isn't seasonally adjusted and is volatile from week to week. Still, the increasing number of people

Still, the increasing number of people claiming extended unemployment insurance indicates hiring hasn't picked up. That leaves people out of work for longer and longer periods of time.

Some employers are continuing to cut jobs. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Wednesday that it will eliminate 300 administrative jobs at its headquarters. The company has cut almost 14,000 jobs in the past 13 months, including 11,200 positions at its Sam's Club stores.

Jobless claims

The number of newly laid-off workers filing for unemployment benefits rose by 8,000 from the previous week's figure.

Weekly (seasonally adjusted):



SOURCE: Department of Labor

Dustin Johnson takes lead at Riviera

AP Golf Writer

LOS **ANGELES** (AP) Dustin Johnson pulled off a 65-foot birdie putt in shooting a bogey-free 7-under 64 to build a one-shot lead among the early starters at the Northern Trust Open on Thursday.

"Had good vibes going all day, and just hit the ball really good all day long," Johnson said.

Andres Romero had good vibes going, too. The dynamic Argentine had eight birdies to offset a double bogey on the ninth hole when he didn't listen to his caddie. Romero finished with four straight birdies for a 65.

Steve Lowery was another two shots behind at 67, followed by a large group at 68 that included 18-year-old Ryo Ishikawa, past Riviera winner Rory Sabbatini, Stephen Ames and Scott Verplank.

Phil Mickelson, who took the Ping Eye2 wedge with square grooves out of his bag



Dustin Johnson tees off from the second tee during the first round of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, Thursday, Feb. 4,

this week, was among the late

Hunter Mahan and Fred Couples were among those using the wedge, which was approved under an old legal settlement. Mahan said he never considered anything wrong with a club that was approved under the rules, even

after the Mickelson dispute last week involving Scott McCarron, who claimed it was "cheating."

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Dominican club Leones atop Caribbean Series

MARGARITA ISLAND, Venezuela (AP) — Nelson Figueroa pitched a complete game to lead the Dominican Republic's Leones del Escogido to a 7-1 win over Mexico's Naranjeros de Hermosillo on Wednesday, giving them the lead in baseball's Caribbean Series.

The Dominicans have won their opening two games in the fourteam, double round-robin event.

Naranjeros have a 1-1 record, as does Venezuela's Leones del Caracas, which beat Puerto Rico's Indios de Mayaguez 5-2 in Wednesday's late game. Indios have a 0-2 record.

Figueroa gave up only one run and three hits in going the distance, striking out eight without issuing a walk.

The Dominicans scored four times in the top of the first off Indios' starter Hector Daniel Rodriguez. The main blow was a two-run homer by Fernando Martinez.

Carlos Valencia's home run in the eighth ruined Figueroa's shutout bid.

In the second game, Venezuela's Leones got a two-run home run in the second innings from Raul Padron, and added two more runs in the third on singles by Oscar Salazar and Jesus Guzman.



Dominican Republic's pitcher Nelson Figueroa throws the ball to Mexico's Nelson Teilon in the first inning during a Caribbean Series baseball game in Porlamar, Margarita Island, Venezuela, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

Associated Press

They were driven home by Carlos Maldonado and Padron. Pitcher Jason Simontacchi worked 4 2/3 innings and got the victory.

On Thursday, Naranjeros face Indios, while Leones of Venezuela are up against Leones of the Dominican Republic. The tournament ends Sunday.



Gael Monfils of France reacts after winning a point as he plays John Isner of the United States during their Men's singles third round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.

Associated Press

Monfils, Ferrer, Lopez win SA Tennis openers

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - Top-seeded Gael Monfils dispatched Slovakian veteran Dominik Hrbaty 6-2, 6-1 to advance into the second round of the SA Tennis Open on Tuesday.

"I feel real good — physically the shots were there and so was the head," said the Frenchman, making his debut in Johannesburg. "I was a bit worried about the altitude, playing so high above sea level, and I tightened my racket strings but it wasn't a problem.

"This is fast tennis because the ball travels faster at altitude. You come up to the net more. It's fun."

Second-seeded David Ferrer and third-seed Feliciano Lopez, both of Spain, also won their first-round matches.

Ferrer accounted for Karol Beck of Slovakia 6-1, 7-5, and Lopez struggled more to put away Monaco qualifier Benjamin Balleret 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

"It was a really hot day and I found it difficult to keep up the intensity," Lopez said.

n leader paints bleak picture in NFL future

TIM REYNOLDS **AP Sports Writer**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida(AP)—NFLPlayers Association executive director DeMaurice Smith says the chance of a lockout after next season is a "14" on a scale of 1-to-10.

Painting a bleak labor outlook on Thursday, Smith said the NFL would receive \$5 billion from its network television deals even if no games are played in 2011. He regarded that as proof owners are preparing for a lockout.

"Has any one of the prior deals included \$5 billion to not play football?" Smith said, referring to previous collective bargaining agreements that were extended or redone. "The answer's no."

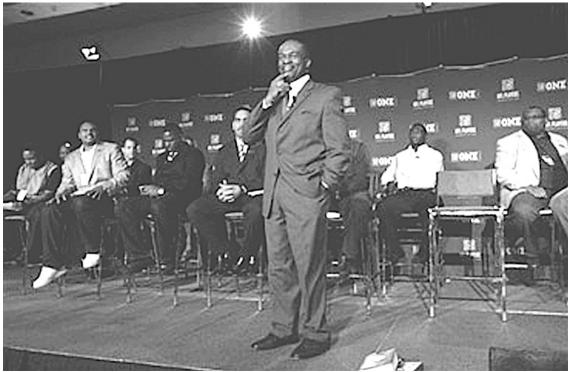
Smith reiterated the union's demand that the NFL's 32 teams open their books

and show who was losing money and how much. Citing financial reports by the community-owned Green Bay Packers, Smith wondered how such a smallmarket team can make a \$20 million profit while other teams claim they are losing money.

But he noted that the Packers did have a profit decline, which NFL executive vice president and chief counsel Jeff Pash said was 40 percent.

"In most businesses, that would be a serious cause for concern," Pash said. "It would indicate a serious issue that has to be dealt with. You look at your single largest expense, which is player costs."

Smith said the latest NFL offer to the players would reduce their share to 41 percent of applied revenues from about 59 percent. He



NFL Players Association Executive Director DeMaurice Smith speaks during a news conference Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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emphasized that the teams take \$1 billion off the top of the estimated \$8 billion the league generates.

Pash argued that the \$1 billion reflects actual costs incurred, money spent in

stadiums, NFL network, of generating substantial NFL.com, putting on games additional revenues that go overseas, all of which is to NFL players."

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NHL Roundup

Senators notch 10th straight win, down Sabres



Ottawa Senators' Chris Neil (25) lines up a shot on Buffalo Sabres goalie Ryan Miller during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Buffalo, N.Y., Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

Associated Press

BUFFALO, New York (AP) twice in the final minute to Daniel Alfredsson scored extend the Ottawa Senators'

to 10 with a 4-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres in the NHL on Wednesday.

Jason Spezza also scored two goals and added an assist, as the surging Senators closed to within three points of the firstplace Sabres in the Northeast Division.

Spezza has scored in seven consecutive games, including five since returning from a right knee injury.

Andrej Sekera and Tim Connolly scored 27 seconds apart to tie it in the third period for the Sabres, who lost their eighth in a row to Ottawa.

Blues 3, Blackhawks 2

In Chicago, David Backes

franchise-best winning streak scored twice during a three- the third as the Ducks moved goal second period as St. Louis edged Chicago.

> Chris Mason made 32 saves for the Blues, who scored three times in the final 8:26 of the second to spoil Chicago's first game at home after a twoweek, eight-game road trip.

> Jay McClement also had a goal for the Blues. Patrick Kane and Marian Hossa scored for Chicago.

Ducks 3, Red Wings 1

In Anaheim, the hosts' run of home victories was extended to nine with a win over Detroit.

Ryan Whitney and Kyle Chipchura scored first-period goals, and Bobby Ryan added within one win of its record home winning streak of 10. Pavel Datsvuk scored a power-

play goal for the Red Wings. In Calgary, Curtis Glencross recorded his first NHL hat trick to lead Calgary over Carolina.

New Flames forward Matt Stajan scored in the second period.

Carolina captain Eric Staal scored the lone goal for the Hurricanes.

In other NHL games it was, Ottawa 4, Buffalo 2; St. Louis 3, Chicago 2; Calgary 4. Carolina 1: Edmonton 1. Philadelphia 0; and Anaheim 3. Detroit 1.

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Mickelson's reason for using the wedge was to call attention to the U.S. Golf Association's process of changing rules, which he has referred to as "ridiculous." Mahan's reason was different.

"It spins a little bit more," he

Even so, it didn't help on the

10th hole, when Mahan went bunker-to-bunker and made double bogey. Heading down the 11th fairway, John Wood, his caddie who found the old Ping wedge, said with a laugh, "If we had V-grooves, we would have had to hit four times instead of three."

The par-4 10th hole is among the most famous in golf, and one of the best tests among short par 4s anywhere in the world. It measured 303 yards for the opening round, with an emphasis on angles more than how far the ball is struck.

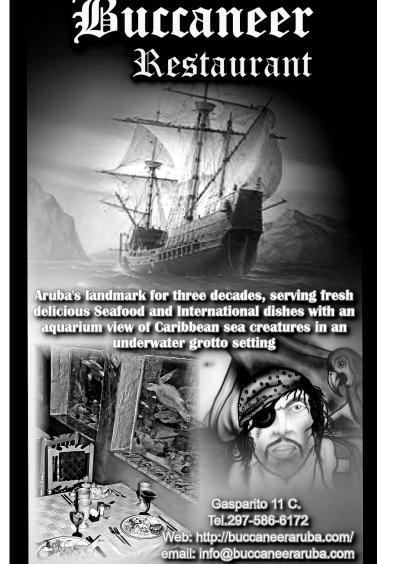
Determined to get off to a good start, Johnson decided for the first time not to drive the 10th and instead laid up with a 4-iron. He made par, which never hurts. And then he took off.

"I didn't make birdie, but it was an easy 4," he said. "And I wanted it to be easy."

He made the rest of his round look that way. He was on or around the greens on two of the par 5s, received a gift with the monster putt on No. 12, and the only time he came close to a bogey was at the par-3 fourth, when he went long and chipped to 8 feet.

Romero, coming off such a poor year that he's not eligible for any of the majors, also had an easy time except for the ninth. From a fairway bunker, his caddie wanted him to hit 7-iron short of the green and get up-and-down for par.

"I'm so stubborn, I stayed with the 6-iron," Romero said.





NBA Roundup

SPORTS A15 Friday, February 5, 2010

Suns end Nuggets hot home form, win 109-97

DENVER (AP) Phoenix Suns matched a season-high fourth straight win with an impressive 109-97 victory at Denver on Wednesday, inflicting a rare home defeat on the NBA Northwest Division-leading Nuggets.

Amare Stoudemire had 20 points and 17 rebounds, and Jason Richardson added 20 for the Suns.

Nene and J.R. Smith each scored 15 points for the Nuggets, who had won nine straight at home, but were finally made to pay for the absence of injured star Carmelo Anthony, who was sitting out a sixth straight game with a sprained ankle.

Lakers 99, Bobcats 97

In Los Angeles, the hosts narrowly beat Charlotte to give Phil Jackson the most wins ever by a Lakers coach. Jackson passed Pat Riley with his 534th win with the Lakers. The Hall of Famer also won 545 games and six titles in nine seasons with Chicago before winning four more rings in his first nine seasons with the Lakers.

Andrew Bynum had 17 points and 14 rebounds and Lamar Odom scored 19 for the Lakers, who returned from an eight-game trip to improve the NBA's best home record to 24-3 with their eighth consecutive victory at Staples Center.

Stephen Jackson scored 30 points for the Bobcats, who played without injured All-Star Gerald Wallace in the finale of a six-game trip.

Jazz 118, Trail Blazers 105 In Salt Lake City, Utah made it seven straight wins with victory over Portland.

Deron Williams had 13 points and 13 assists, and rookie Wesley Matthews had 16 points on 6-for-6 shooting for the Jazz.

LaMarcus Aldrdige had 27 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Blazers, playing their eighth straight game without scoring leader Brandon Roy. Celtics 107, Heat 102

In Boston, Rajon Rondo had 22 points and 14 assists for Boston in his second straight outstanding game against Miami.

Rondo hit a 3-pointer to make it 60-58 early in the third quarter and the Celtics never trailed after that, although Miami stayed close.

The previous time the teams met, Rondo's layup a splitsecond before the buzzer sent the game into overtime.

Miami lost for the fifth time in six games despite 30 points and 13 assists from Dwyane Wade.

Thunder 103, Hornets 99

In New Orleans, Kevin Durant scored 30 points to lead Oklahoma City over New Orleans.

After the Hornets cut it to 101-99, Durant hit a pair of free throws with 8.5 seconds left, finally putting away a New Orleans team playing without injured All-Star point guard Chris Paul.

Russell Westbrook had 26 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds for Oklahoma City. Marcus Thornton scored 22 points for New Orleans before leaving with a cut lower back after a hard fall in the fourth quarter.

Hawks 103, Clippers 97

In Atlanta, the hosts scored just nine points in the fourthquarter but still beat Los Angeles.

Joe Johnson scored 34 points and Jamal Crawford added 22 for the Hawks, who closed within 1-1/2 games of the Southeast Division lead.

Chris Kaman and Eric Gordon each scored 17 points for the Clippers.

Mavericks 110, Warriors 101 In Dallas, the home team extended Golden State's losing streak to seven games.

Jason Terry had 21 points and Dirk Nowitzki scored nine of his 20 points in the fourth quarter for the Mavericks.

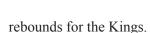
Monta Ellis, who scored a career-high 46 points, drove for a layup to bring the Warriors to 95-92 with 5:11 left. Nowitzki scored the next six points to stretch the lead back to nine.

Spurs 115, Kings 113

In Sacramento, California, George Hill had 23 points and nine assists as San Antonio pipped Sacramento.

Tim Duncan added 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, who played their third straight game without injured point guard Tony Parker.

Tyreke Evans had 32 points, eight assists and seven



In other NBA games it was, Atlanta 103, L.A. Clippers 97; Toronto 108, New Jersey 99; Philadelphia 106, Chicago 103, OT; New York 107, Washington 85; Oklahoma City 103, New Orleans 99; Boston 107, Miami 102; Dallas 110, Golden State 101; Utah 118, Portland 105; San Antonio 115, Sacramento 113; L.A. Lakers 99, Charlotte 97; and Phoenix 109, Denver 97.

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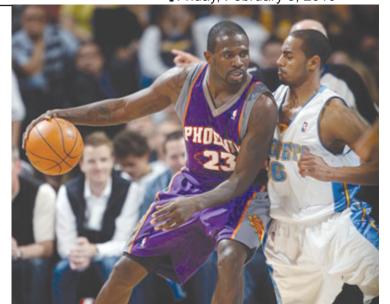
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Phoenix Suns guard Jason Richardson, left, works the ball inside against Denver Nuggets guard Arron Afflalo in the fourth quarter of the Suns' 109-97 victory in an NBA game in Denver on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

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NASCAR ready to fix its issues this season

By JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

– Ask anyone in NASCAR about the many, many industry ailments and the answer is that everything will be just fine.

They better be right.

NASCAR opened Daytona International Speedway on Thursday for the first practice session of what's expected to be one of the most critical seasons in sport history. Faced with slumping attendance and television ratings, and economic woes that have handcuffed teams and manufacturers, NASCAR has planned a series of adjustments designed to reenergize the industry.

There's no doubt that it's a clear reaction to growing fan unrest.

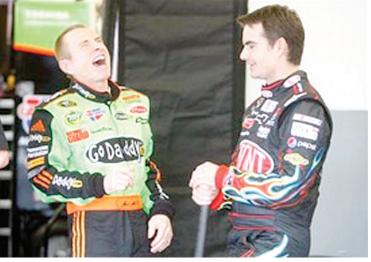
"I think the fans want to see results," veteran driver Jeff Burton said. "The fans have been speaking for the last several years saying we want to see different stuff. I think if we give it to them, and it's different, and the racing doesn't improve from it, then yeah, this is a critical year.

"When you make changes, because you are making it better, then it better be better."

The first test was expected to be Saturday night in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout, when 24 drivers will run the first race under NASCAR's new "Boys, have at it" policy that green-lighted aggressive driving.

But the drivers didn't even make it through Thursday's first practice session without incident. Contact between Denny Hamlin and Mark Martin triggered a multicar accident that destroyed several cars.

It was a preview of what fans can expect during the lead-in to the Feb. 14 season-opening





NASCAR drivers Mark Martin, left, and Jeff Gordon share a laugh as they wait to practice for Saturday's Budweiser Shootout auto race at Daytona International Speedway, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, in Daytona Beach, Fla., and Danica Patrick talks with crew members as she makes preparations for ARCA auto racing practice at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010.

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Daytona 500.

"Trust me, we're not finished," warned Greg Biffle. "It's going to be awesome."

NASCAR has relaxed its stance on bump-drafting and aggressive driving, and has encouraged participants to whittle down their obligatory sponsor plugs and start showing some real emotion. It's a clear response to fan complaints that drivers had become too corporate, and that NASCAR's restrictions had ruined the racing at Daytona and Talladega, typically the two most exciting tracks on the circuit.

The decision by NASCAR to be more lenient has so far been applauded, even though the true ramifications won't be known until the checkered flag falls on the Daytona 500. The policing of bump-drafting was to cut down on the spectacular accidents that typically mar Daytona and Talladega races.

"You should care about the racing, and (NASCAR's) not afraid of making changes," said Juan Pablo Montoya, who openly challenged president Mike Helton when he announced a ban on bumpdrafting in the pre-race driver

meeting at Talladega last November.

"Do they always get it right? No. But at least they admit when they don't get it right and they'll change it and make it better. Other series, if they make a huge screwup and racing is terrible, they live with it."

NASCAR also is showing a softer side by finally relenting a bit on its strict stance concerning the current Sprint Cup Series car. The car was designed by NASCAR to improve safety and cut costs. Phased into competition in 2007, the car has been criticized by competitors who found it difficult to drive and lampooned by race fans who hated the design and blamed the car for ruining racing.

Series officials had been strongly opposed to any major design changes, but recently announced a transition that will replace the rear wing with a more traditional spoiler. Testing on the spoiler has already started, and it could be introduced by late March.

NASCAR has also tried to give relief to struggling track operators by reducing fees it charges to hold a race. The trickle down effect should allow tracks to lower ticket prices — potentially luring fans back into the stands.

But the move has also led to a

10-percent cut in race purses, a reduction that directly effects the cash flow for race teams. Even with the belt-tightening, team owners seemed uniformly on message in gushing about the steps NASCAR has taken

to cure its many ailments.

"I am probably as excited about the future of racing as I have ever been," team owner Joe Gibbs said. "I can honestly say that everybody is pointed in the right direction, and we want this sport, we want it to bounce back and come roaring back. And we will."

Team owner Roger Penske preached about a cooperative effort from competitors and NASCAR.

"We've got to be sure we do this together, build this back up, because we need the TV ratings up, we need more people in the stands and I think we need better competition," he said. "I think the folks at NASCAR realize that."

There's more to this season, though, then just fixing problems.

The sport is still rife with competition storylines, starting with Jimmie Johnson's bid to extend his historical roll to a fifth consecutive Cup title. He was the media's 2010 preseason pick to win the championship — the first time during his run he's not been overlooked in favor of another driver.

"I'm thinking it my be a curse," he laughed. "We'll see how it turns out."

Dale Earnhardt Jr., Johnson's Hendrick Motorsports teammate, will try to bounce back from a horrendous season that rattled his confidence. If Earnhardt succeeds, it will only strengthen an organization that Rick Hendrick has established as the very best in NASCAR. All eyes will be on Hamlin, the trendy pick to upend Johnson based on a torrid close to last season. But he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee playing basketball two weeks ago, and a decision to postpone surgery until after the season has some questioning whether he'll still be a contender.

Then there's his nemesis, Brad Keselowski. The two openly feuded over the final three months of last season over incidents in the Nationwide Series. Hired by Penske for a full-time Cup ride this season, the controversial Keselowski will now be racing every week against Hamlin — and all the other drivers he's annoyed. He's not concerned.

"It's so hard to come into this sport and run well when you're worried about making everyone else happy," Keselowski said. "I just don't see how you can do that because in competitive sports, the only time your competitors are happy with you is when they're beating you."

And don't forget Danica Patrick.

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Carnival royalty takes over Aruba

ORANJESTAD - Gorgeously gowned and costumed, Aruba's Carnival royalty were officially announced the rulers of Aruba for the coming weeks during a ritual performed at the Government building on Sunday morning. They will reign over Aruba until the carnival festivities are put to rest with a final "Burning of Momo" on the eve of Ash Wednesday.

Minister of Finance, Mike de Meza, representing Prime Minister Mike Eman, turned over "the keys of the city" to the elected Prinses and Panchos, official escorts of Aruba's reinas, the carnival queens.

Prins & Pancho are selected as a team, in three categories, Infantil, Hubenil and Grande (Child, Youth and Adult.) They win their crowns by demonstrating their penchant for original and topical humor, performing comedic sketches before a panel of judges and an audience often left weak by the hilarity.

Upon winning their titles, they then take command of various events, including the queen contests crowning the local beauties who will occupy special floats during the several parades to follow.

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Carmen Maduro crowned as Mrs. Carnival 56

ORANJESTAD – In a packed Aruba Enertainment Center, Aruba crowned its 16th Mrs. Carnival for Carnival 56.

With beautiful shows and a touch of elegance, 7 candidates competed for the Mrs. Carnival title.

At the end of the evening Carmen Maduro was chosen Mrs. Carnival 56.

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Carnival Events for this weekend

February 5

Concert Carnival Show Down 2010

February 6

- Children Parade Noord
- Aruba Tivoli Lighting Parade

February 7

Children Parade Oranjestad



Carnival royalty takes over Aruba









Continued from Page B1 This year's Prins and Panchos are:

Infantil: Shawn Le Grand and Zenon Croes, "Prins Lap" and "Pancho Top."

Hubenil: Mike Montero and Joshua Geerman, "Prins Mira" and Pancho "Laga Para."

Grande: Jonathan Thiel Maduro, and Maurice Cambio" "Prins and "Pancho Dimes."

These spirited young men had the pleasure of singling out the various queens during their selection pageants, once the judges made their decision. Queens are chosen not only for their attractive appearance, but a lively speech and demeanor, enjoyable program, beautiful costumes and other qualities that embody the spirit of carnival. Aruba has a pageant wherein they select a candidate for the annual Miss Universe competition, but Aruba's Carnival Queen could be compared in stature to Miss America. She also has two junior counterparts. This year the crowns were won

Reina Infantil: Isalys Geerman of Kids group;

Reina Hubenil: Melounne J Petrochi of Youth Champagne group,

Maribel Andrede of the



as Aruba's Reina Grandi, a tradition installed with the very first organized and united carnival 56 years ago. Maribel also picked up the trophies for Best Show, Best Speech and Best Costume; usually a sure indicator of who will be crowned queen.

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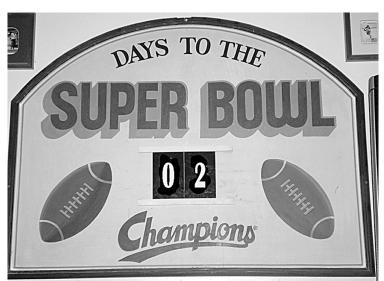
TOB group was selected unique pageant among the islands, Mrs. Carnival, just to let the public know there no age limit on graciousness, beauty and carnival spirit. Elena Maduro of the Champagne group took the title yesterday evening, completing the stellar constellation of Aruba's Carnival royalty 2010.





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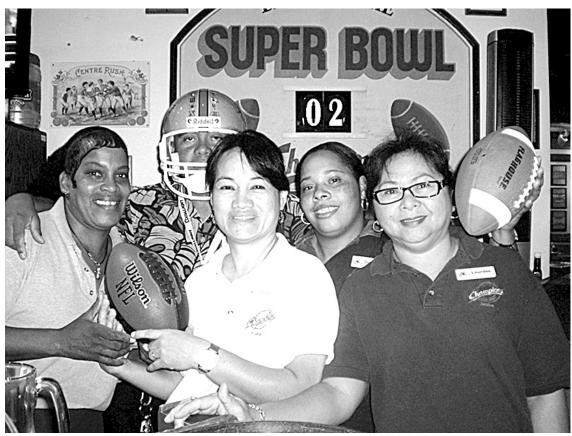
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On Sunday February 7th is the famous NFL Superbowl Sunday #44 with the

PALM BEACH - This exciting finals between Indianapolis Colts versus the New Orleans Saints. The Superbowl 44 starts at 7:20 PM sharp and will be shown on the 31 TV screens and Champions 2 giant screens. Champions Sports Bar & Restaurants has a SUPER Coors Light Special for only \$22. You will get a bucket



with 5 Coors Light and a free T-shirt. The Coors Light combo is available at \$30 which includes a bucket with 5 Coors Light, delicious nachos and a free T-shirt.

If you are looking for a different setting to watch the Superbowl, the Aruba Marriott Resort's lobby will have a giant screen in place. During the game you can have a drink at the Lobby Bar, try some fresh sushi at the lobby's Ketsu Sushi Bar or some ice cream and pastries from the 24hour Lobby Café.

money set for the Colts or the Giants? At the Stellaris Casino you can place your bet at the Sports kiosk at any time of the day. The game will be broadcasted in the Casino on the big screen and TV screens.

If you prefer to watch the big game outdoors, Captain's Galley is the place to be. This casual outdoor restaurant, located poolside at Marriott's Surf Club, will also broadcast the NFL Superbowl and offer special drinks and snacks.

The Aruba Marriott is Do you have your ready for THE Sunday of the year and looks forward to see you this Superbowl Sunday.

Dynasty Brass with their first presentation at Paseo Herencia.



NOORD: On Tuesday, February 2nd "Dynasty Brass" held their first presentation at Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment center. Both locals and tourists were having a blast dancing to the rythm of the music. Dynasty Brass is a new group that was formed this year by Anthony Irausquin, Franklin Giel and John Hessen.

The group consists of 20 members' ages 14 till 40 years old. Most of the group members have an extensive experience in music and also have performed at many shows abroad

such as in Curacao, Europe and United States. The purpose of the group is to educate young kids to maintain their cultural heritage. For more information about Dynasty Brass you may contact Mr. Anthony Irausquin at 593-8374. You are invited to come and enjoy their tremendous music performance next Wednesday on February 10th during the Steel pan and Costume Show which will start at 7PM in the evening on Plaza Padu in Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center in front of the high rise hotel.



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Happy Birthday to Susan and Sally!



Boca Catalina - In keeping with the Costa Linda Gang tradition, twins Sally Klebba and Susan Mliniarch of Michigan, brought more friends and family along to spend a sunny day aboard the Jolly Pirates.

These pirate enthusiasts customarily raise cups of the ship's signature brew to toast another year aboard their favorite ship.

This year the gang is

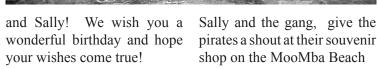
celebrating significant birthdays for twins, Susan and Sally. These long-time repeat guests treat themselves to a month long vacation -stay at the Costa Linda and have been doing so for more than ten years.

It's twins Sally and Susan who begin to set the wheel in motion by recommending a Jolly Pirates Cruise to their family and friends and other guests at the Costa Linda

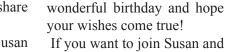
Resort who will join the Jolly Pirates for several days each week while they are here in Aruba.

No strangers to the Jolly Pirates Crew, it is not uncommon for Sally and Susan to bring a few dozen more along to share good times aboard.

Susan Welcome



pirates a shout at their souvenir shop on the MooMba Beach



Routes Regional Airport Marketing Awards

Aruba Airport Authority N.V. nominated

Recognition of airline marketing efforts in Central America & Caribbean region



ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority (AAA) has received notification that it has been short-listed for the OAG Routes Airport Marketing Awards, Regional Heats - Americas. The award ceremony will take place during the 3rd annual Routes Regional Americas event taking place in Lima,

Peru February 13 – 17, 2010.

The uniqueness of the marketing awards is that only airlines can vote for the airports and consider airports whose marketing efforts during the last twelve (12) months have made a real impact on their future network development plans. Airlines consider

the efficient and useful marketing activities of any airport on their network within the Americas region, irrespective of airport size. "We are very honored with this nomination" said Peter Steinmetz, Managing Director AAA. 'It goes to show that our strategies and objectives during the past twelve months were appreciated and effective. Our commitment to our airline partners, listening to their concerns during these continued economic troubling times and our proactive outreach retain air service and diversification within specific areas have been noticed. Our entire airport team and our tourism partners are the key to our success. Why? We love what we do and it shows"





AirTran predicts adding up to two Caribbean destinations annually

By Lori Ranson

AirTran Airways plans a measured expansion into the Caribbean as compared with its fellow US low-fare carrier IetBlue.

During the fourth quarter of 2009 and continuing into this month AirTran is launching flights from Atlanta and Orlando to Aruba, and Atlanta, Baltimore and Orlando to Nassau, Bahamas and Montego Bay, Jamaica. AirTran already serves San Juan, Puerto Rico from Atlanta, Baltimore and Orlando and Cancun from Atlanta and Baltimore.

During a presentation today at the Raymond James Growth Airline conference AirTran chief executive Bob Fornaro said the carrier's growth into the Caribbean is a "positive addition and one that will continue".

Fornaro doesn't foresee AirTran building a significant Caribbean presence of 25 destinations, but he does forecast "continuous growth, perhaps two destinations a year".

The Caribbean currently accounts for roughly 6% of AirTran's market, and Fornaro expects that should expand to 10%-12% during the next 18 months. He explains AirTran's growth is "probably not on the same level as JetBlue, which is very strong in the ethnic New York market".

However, Fornaro feels the Caribbean plays "a very nice role for us as a pretty good east coast player", as the region ties into AirTran's connecting flows.

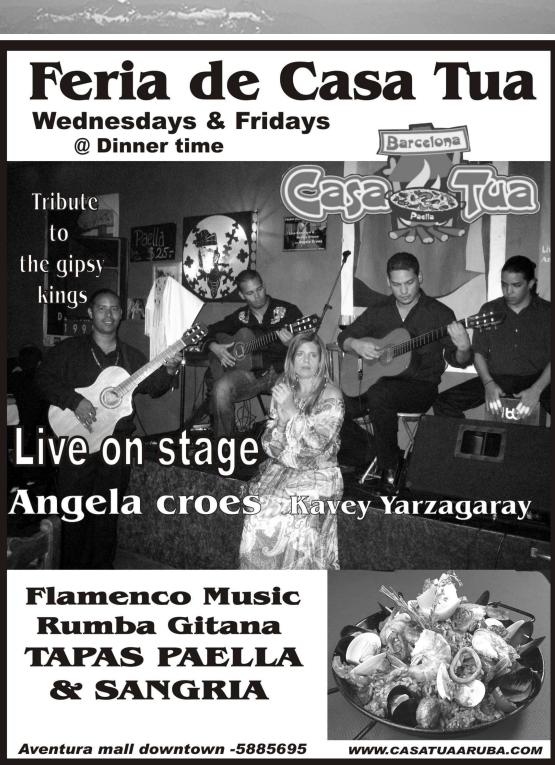
Fornaro explains when AirTran opens a new Caribbean destinationitattemptstoofferflightsfromAtlanta, Baltimore and Orlando "so we can get some efficiencies"











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Enhance Your Body's Natural Cycle of Renewal

Most people exercise to loose weight and stay healthy, both of which are very important for a well-balanced life. What many people fail to consider, is the positive effects exercise has on the mind, our daily thought process and the emotional reactions we face each day.

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Exercise greatly enhances the body's natural cycle of renewal.

Perspiration purges our system, squeezing built-up toxins out of our cells while consuming fat, where toxins and old patterns are stored. This is half of the cycle of

renewal.

While the old toxins and patterns are being extricated from the body, heavy breathing is replacing these now empty spaces with oxygen that is filtered by the frequency, the vibration of who we are in this moment.

Oxygen cannot enter our cells unless it resonates with the cell's frequency, meaning it must vibrate in tune with who we are in order to become a part of us.

This is true for all things, and it is one way we continually redefine ourselves, renew ourselves in each moment, literally with each breath. In this way, the mind directs the body's evolution and growth.

By breathing heavily, we increase oxygen to the entire body including the brain.

30 minutes of exercise is like an injection of oxygen directly into the cells of your mind and body. Yummy! The positive effects of hyperbaric (oxygen) chambers are well documented. Exercise does the same thing.

At a minimum, raise your heart rate and breathing for 20 minutes per day, 3 days per week. I prefer 30 minutes, as many days as possible each week. Your workout will depend on your specific situation, and it is prudent to check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.

Long-term exercise purges old patterns and emotions held in our bodies, and it replaces them with new ideas. It helps us think more clearly and naturally works against depression. It will help you imagine new ideas and options for your life. Regular exercise will give you more energy, and help you feel good about yourself.

Always consult with qualified professionals about your specific situation before starting or changing your exercise routine.

Until Tomorrow...

~Quentin Danziger

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Aruba's new National Archeological Museum: A very hands-on experience!





entering its hallowed halls. event. The main entrance is, in a Ecury complex in Oranjestad. hero, "Boy" Ecury, who died at the age of only 22, fighting Dutch Resistance.

new section of the museum, which sports a modernistic design, and is, whimsically, the area dedicated to the island's ancient history and its Amerindian population. The museum was officially opened in July of 2009, during a visit by the Dutch

Please touch, scrutinize and Magriet, sister of Queen listen - this is what visitors Beatrix, accompanied by her to the Museo Archeologico husband, Professor Pieter Nacional Aruba, MANA, van Vollenhoven, performed are requested to do upon the honors during a gala

Archeologists from sense, "hallowed" ground for Holland first began the digs islanders, as it is the restored and study of Aruba's ancient culture that inspired young This was the birthplace of islanders to pursue careers the island's revered WW II in the field. MANA now boasts a dedicated staff of archeologists headed by the Nazis as a member of the Dr. Raymundo Dijkhoff. Various artifacts and burial After traversing this bit of sites discovered around the recent history, one enters the island, as well as Aruba's over 300 pictographs, or cave paintings, have allowed them to extrapolate a realistic picture of the life of the Caquetio Indians inhabiting the island during the Pre-Ceramic Period; 2500 BC to 1000 BC. Discovery by the Spaniards in 1493 of Aruba,



Bonaire and Curacao and their decision these were "useless islands" marked the local inhabitants for deportation and enslavement.

Those that resisted were hunted and killed; the majority of the population was shipped to Santo Domingo and Haiti by 1515. A few returned in 1526, but left when the Dutch took over the





The museum has made in a choice of languages: use of modern, interactive Papiamento, English and displays to bring ancient Dutch voiceovers and text history alive. A full sized reach out to all visitors who malocca, the huts used by the wish to understand the march ancient inhabitants, has been of history through Aruba's reproduced on the first floor, shores.

Therem are films and lectures pm

Located on the Schelpstraat,

the second, one traverses MANA can be contacted by a "cave" from one section calling (297) 582-8979 or to the next, triggering a (297) 588- 9961. Opening program in lights about hours are Tuesday to Sunday Aruba's famous pictographs. from 10: 00 am to 5:00



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the quiet neighborhood of Boegoeroei, Perle d'Or apartment complex houses Dutch students and Pam Pam has recently

more than proven his worth.

Laid-back, refreshingly young, and ambitious. Ludwich began vacationers, as well as a his career as a chef by enrolling cozy garden eatery, Pam Pam in Aruba's hospitality and Restaurant & Bar. Aiming to culinary arts school—the best attract a more diverse clientele, decision he has ever made, he wholeheartedly claims. With adopted a more upscale dining ten years in the kitchen and concept. In order to pilot three years as a chef, Ludwich this new concept, rising local has developed an impressive chef Ludwich Samson was arsenal of cooking skills. He Indonesian spices add zest week; but he insists that this brought on board, and in just attributes the majority of his to a handful of casual main is not what makes a good chef two months on the job, he has growth as a chef to his years dishes.

of working under his mentor, Vittorio Muscarlello, owner of Ludwich also craftily adds Hostaria Da'Vittorio and one of the most highly respected chefs on Aruba.

In his two months with Pam Pam, Ludwich has entirely remodeled the kitchen to make it more efficient. He has also created a whole new menu a hard time figuring out the featuring particularly unique sweet and spicy deliciousness dishes in order to distinguish Pam Pam from the endless number of restaurants along Aruba's hotel strip. While the menu still offers Dutch snacks and typical Dutch platters like sate to appease the many Dutch interns residing at Perle d'Or, the rest of the menu offers upscale fusion cuisine. mousse. Lemon grass and chillies give several seafood dishes a Needless to say, Ludwich Thai flair; homemade ravioli and beef carpaccio salute and works extremely hard, Italy; crustacean ceviche currently putting in 12 to 16 adds a Peruvian element; and

little unexpected twists to some classic dishes, elevating the uniqueness of his menu. One of his personal favorites is his porcini-crusted filet mignon served with a thyme red-wine reduction. He also delights in the fact that most diners have of his signature crustacean platter. Other interesting interpretations include lumpcrab lollipops, chicken cordon blue unorthodoxly stuffed with ricotta and bacon, and for dessert, tiramisu that promises an untraditional layer of decadent Bailey's chocolate

is creative in the kitchen hours a day, seven days a good. "I simply love what



I do for a living," confides Ludwich, and this is what guarantees success in the kitchen and contented diners. Of course, being a chef can be downright stressful, but Ludwich thrives on the rush of adrenaline on busy nights. And when he peers out of the kitchen and sees a restaurant full of people enjoying their meals, he experiences immense satisfaction. For reservations call: 5877710 or 7483848, or visit us at www. pampamaruba.com.

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Carmen Maduro crowned as Mrs. Carnival 56

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The evening closed with the following results:

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 Best Speech
 Diana Antoinette ,Colegio Arubano
 Best Costume
 Carmen Maduro ,EPB/Champagne

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Brazilian wholesalers commit to American Airlines joint promotion



BRAZIL--Four major Brazilian wholesalers (travel agent firms and tourismrelated companies) are now on board to strengthen promotions between St. Maarten and Brazil with American Airlines.

The wholesalers will assist in driving some of the Brazilian airlift to St. Maarten via Miami on American Airlines. If Commissioner of Tourism Frans Richardson is successful in securing a twice-weekly year-round flight from GOL airlines today, the American Airlines deal will complement that service.

Wholesalers MMP Gapnet, Master Turismo, Monark and Nascimento have also guaranteed their services in St. Maarten's efforts to secure the GOL flight. Their cooperation in promoting the destination is vital to Richardson and Tourism Bureau Head Regina Labega, who can now meet with GOL with significant support from the Brazilian tourism market already secured.

Richardson said he had met with American Airlines Director of Sales in São Paulo, Brazil, Jose Roberto Trinca and they had agreed to the joint promotions for the Brazil-Miami-St. Maarten flight. Details of the joint promotions will be released at a later date, he said.

"This just gives us additional options as we try to expand our presence in the South American market. We already have a long-standing relationship with American Airlines; this is a win-win for St. Maarten and the airline," Richardson said.

He added that he remained confident going into today's meeting with GOL executives, who have expressed that they will be seeking assistance from St. Maarten in aggressively marketing the flight to ensure its success.

efforts "Our combined with wholesalers, these along with South America's largest wholesaler CVC and our representative Ricardo Ramon, are a clear indication of our commitment to make potential agreement work. Like I've said before, we recognise the importance of this market and we will do what's necessary to make it a success," he said.

The GOL flight will be via Bogotá, Colombia, to St. Maarten. The current seasonal charter flight from Brazil executed by CVC using a GOL aircraft is completely booked. □

William recommits to educating every child

~ Says govt envisions a 'fast-track' compulsory education project ~

CAY HILL--"Children should not suffer because of decisions their parents make," Leader of Government and Education Commissioner William Marlin said in reaffirming government's commitment to continue with the introduction of compulsory education.

"Government has decided that we will tackle the problem once and for all," Marlin told participants in a compulsory education summit held at the Belair Community Centre on Wednesday.

He said undocumented children had been trickling into St. Maarten over the last 30 to 35 years and today the situation had become a "monster that we cannot control, but one that we cannot ignore ... [or] walk away from, ... one that we have to tackle head on."

He said government had envisioned a "fast-track project" for the continued introduction of compulsory education to be financed through Dutch aid. He said, though, that to reach this chapter, yesterday's summit was necessary and proper documentation of the issue was

needed

The preliminary findings of a study on the issue of undocumented children were released to education stakeholders during the summit.

Marlin, who spearheaded the implementation of compulsory education for young pupils in September 2009, three months after his coalition government took office, acknowledged that continuing with its implementation would be a challenging task for St. Maarten that would have to go hand-in-hand with the closing of loopholes to ensure that it would not recur.

He said there were businesses creating breeding grounds for undocumented children by keeping their workers illegal.

"If we do not put the proper checks in place to go out and find those people who are hiring undocumented people on purpose so that they can exploit them and so that they can create the perfect breeding ground for undocumented children, we will solve the problem in 2010 and in 2020 it will come right back to bite us," he said.

Compulsory education also has to be accompanied by the "closing of the fence," to ensure that persons who come as visitors do not remain here.

He likened compulsory education to a "two-edged sword," saying that while some agreed with it, there were others who didn't.

He said, though, that it was "criminal" to deny children an education when they were born here and when the "system" had allowed them to reside here.

"It is our responsibility to help these people to realise that it is wrong. It is wrong to allow this to continue. ... It is a crime to have children born in St. Maarten being allowed to live in St. Maarten and to basically allow them everything else – to catch a bus, go to the movies, Carnival Village and shop in the supermarkets and go to the doctor, but they are not allowed education.

"The child who ... has an education has a future ahead of him or her," he stressed.

Carpenter stands trial for sex with two minors

PHILIPSBURG--A 36-year-old man stood trial Wednesday on charges that he allegedly had sexual contacts with two minor girls. Carpenter M.G.P. is facing six years in jail if the Court considers it proven that he had committed illicit sexual acts with his stepdaughter and his wife's cousin.

The suspect admitted that he had had a sexual relationship with his wife's cousin between August 2003 and August 2005. The girl was older than 12 at that time, but had not yet reached the age of 15, which is the age of consent in the Netherlands Antilles.

M.G.P. said he was "a little" seduced by the girl, who was tall for her age. He told Judge Monique Keppels that he had only discovered later that she was only 14. "She looked like 15 or 16," he told the judge. He said he ended the relationship when the girl became jealous and had started making problems.

M.G.P. denied he had ever been

PHILIPSBURG--A 36-year-old man in a sexual relationship with his stood trial Wednesday on charges stepdaughter, from August 2004, that he allegedly had sexual contacts when the girl was 10-years-old, until with two minor girls. Carpenter August 2009 when she was 15.

He said the girl had been a handful and disobedient, and had been roaming the streets at will, indicating that according to him she had fabricated the allegations to get even with her stepfather.

According to Prosecutor Rienk Mud, M.G.P. was performing damage control. "He admitted only partially to the allegations.

That's a nice story, but I don't believe it at all."

The Prosecutor said Wednesday that the case started rolling after the cousin was referred to a psychologist because she was auto-mutilating herself. After the stepdaughter had left her home, the cousin, who knew that M.G.P. also had sexual contacts with his stepdaughter, brought the case into the open.

According to his stepdaughter, the

man started abusing her when she was ten. "I thought I had finally found a dad," she had told the Police, "but look what he has done to me." The Prosecutor said he had little doubt that M.G.B. had committed the crimes.

In her final plea as a criminal lawyer, attorney Anjenie Lachman said her client, who is suffering from leukaemia, is denying the allegation that he had had sexual contacts with his stepdaughter or had threatened her.

"The girl is very unruly. She had tried to commit suicide with a razor blade when she was 12. She's currently living together with her 24-year-old boyfriend," Lachman said in a brief sketch of the victim's character.

Maybe the girls had fabricated the story of sexual abuse, said Lachman in pleading for a sentence equal to her client's pre-trial detention, or a suspended sentence. The Judge will give her decision on February 24.

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Magistrado emite fallo contra referendo reelección en Colombia



Imagen de archivo del presidente colombiano, Alvaro Uribe, durante una visita a la capital hondureña de Tegucigalpa, 30 ene 2010. Un magistrado declaró ilegal un referendo que habilita al presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, para buscar su segunda reelección consecutiva, un fallo que sembró más dudas sobre el futuro político de un importante aliado de Estados Unidos en América Latina. REUTERS/Edgard Garrido

Pelea de Argentina y Gran Bretaña crece por petróleo de Malvinas

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters)
- Argentina acusó el jueves
a Gran Bretaña de apelar al
"fantasma militar" para encubrir
la "ilegalidad" de la exploración
petrolera en las Islas Malvinas,
cuya soberanía reclama el país
sudamericano, luego de que
fuentes británicas advirtieran
sobre una escalada en la puja.
En medio del aumento de

En medio del aumento de la tensión bilateral, sin embargo, una fuente del Gobierno sudamericano negó la posibilidad de un conflicto militar por el archipiélago austral como el que tuvo lugar

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) entre los dos países en 1982, en - Argentina acusó el jueves el que murieron 649 argentinos a Gran Bretaña de apelar al y 255 británicos.

"Apelando al fantasma militar, lo que el Reino Unido hace es dejar más en evidencia la verdadera realidad: la disputa de soberanía existe", señaló la fuente del Ministerio argentino de Relaciones Exteriores.

La reacción argentina se produjo luego de que el periódico Financial Times reprodujera las palabras de un diplomático británico que dijo que Gordon Brown está ansioso por asegurarse de que la disputa con Buenos Aires no escale hasta alcanzar una confrontación militar.

"Esto es un negocio legítimo en aguas de las Islas Malvinas (...) Debería permitirse que continúe y va a continuar", dijo el diplomático al periódico británico.

El área que rodea a las islas podría ser una fuente de abundantes hidrocarburos, según los expertos, pero Argentina y Gran Bretaña nunca alcanzaron un acuerdo para la exploración conjunta.

Según la información difundida en diversos medios, Desire Petroleum comenzará en febrero a perforar en busca de petróleo al norte del archipiélago.

"Argentinaadviertenuevamente al Reino Unido sobre la ilegalidad y consecuencias de este nuevo acto unilateral, así como a todos los actores privados involucrados, que serán pasibles de futuras demandas judiciales", agregó la fuente argentina. Las Islas Malvinas están bajo control británico desde 1833, año al que se remonta la disputa entre los dos países.

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Un magistrado declaró ilegal un referendo que habilita al presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, para buscar su segunda reelección consecutiva, un fallo que sembró más dudas sobre el futuro político de un importante aliado de Estados Unidos en América Latina.

Fuentes judiciales informaron el jueves que el magistrado Humberto Sierra radicó un proyecto de fallo que declara ilegal por vicios de procedimiento el referendo de reelección que aprobó el Congreso. "Hay vicios y fallas de procedimiento que hacen jurídicamente imposible un fallo a favor del referendo de la reelección", dijo a Reuters una fuente judicial cercana al proceso.

Pero el fallo que radicó Sierra el miércoles puede ser acogido o rechazado por los restantes ocho magistrados de la Corte Constitucional que en conjunto deben emitir un concepto, considerado como la decisión jurídica de incidencia política más importante de los últimos años en Colombia.

Uribe no ha dicho claramente si está interesado en presentarse como candidato en las elecciones de mayo en la eventualidad de que la Corte Constitucional declare legal la realización de un referendo. Si la mayoría de los nueve magistrados del tribunal declaran ilegal el referendo, siguiendo el fallo de Sierra, el presidente quedará impedido para ser candidato.

Bogotá vive nueva jornada de "día sin carro"

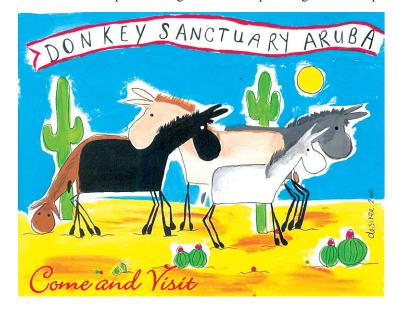
BOGOTA (AP) - Bogotá vivía el jueves la undécima versión del "Día sin carro", una jornada organizada por la alcaldía en la que más de un millón de autos dejan de transitar por las calles capitalinas para disminuir, entre otros, los altos niveles de ruido y contaminación a los que están expuestos los ciudadanos.

La jornada comenzó a las 6:30am (11:30 GMT) y se extiende hasta las 19:30 (00:30GMT) y contempla la inmovilización del vehículo y multas de 257.500 pesos (unos 128 dólares) para quien viole la jornada.

Juan Antonio Nieto, secretario de Ambiente de la Alcaldía de Bogotá, aseguró que el propósito de la jornada, decidida en un referéndum capitalino en el 2000, va "más allá de la (mejoría en la) movilidad (o el tránsito)...es posicionarlo como el día del aire limpio".

Y es que de acuerdo al funcionario, los registros de años pasado muestran que "sacar vehículos de circulación sí contribuye a bajar los niveles de contaminación". Por ejemplo, indicó Nieto en diálogo telefónico, el día sin carro de 2009 redujo en un 36% los niveles de monóxido de carbono con respecto a una jornada normal.

Para solventar en el día sin carro las necesidades de transporte, en esta ciudad de ocho millones de habitantes, existen al menos 16.000 buses, 50.000 taxis y 2.664 buses del llamado "Transmilenio" o el sistema de transporte público con vías exclusivas de circulación, según informó la Alcaldía en un comunicado en su página de internet.







Sospechan de cubano nombrado por Chávez para energía

CARACAS (Reuters) - La decisión del presidente Hugo Chávez de designar a un funcionario cubano para solventar la crisis eléctrica que atraviesa Venezuela desató las críticas y sospechas de la oposición, a la que el líder volvió a advertir el jueves que su revolución socialista no tiene marcha atrás.

Tanto seguidores como detractores del mandatario socialista volvían a las calles tras varios días de protestas que han dejado un saldo de dos muertos y decenas de heridos, cuando se cumplen 18 años del fallido golpe de Estado con el que el líder venezolano saltó a la fama. "Sigan tratando de tumbar el Gobierno revolucionario con las manitas blancas", dijo Chávez durante un acto para celebrar su intentona que ha bautizado como Día de la Dignidad Nacional haciendo referencia a las manos pintadas de blanco que muestran los estudiantes opositores en las marchas.

"Si nos buscan por el camino de las armas, aquí estamos nosotros con la espada de Bolívar dispuestos", agregó el mandatario, vestido con uniforme militar y boina roja, aplaudido por miles de sus seguidores.

Chávez desestimó las críticas contra Ramiro Valdés, un controvertido vicepresidente cubano de 77 años que estará a cargo de una comisión para analizar el racionamiento energético, que está mellando su popularidad meses antes de

las elecciones legislativas.

"Lo que pasa es que cuando vienen los cubanos la furia contrarrevolucionaria inmediatamente se desata, la locura ésta y un conjunto de estupideces, porque son estupideces lo que dicen", dijo Chávez el miércoles en la noche. Pero, sus enemigos sospechan que la tarea formal asignada a Valdés esconde labores de represión y censura para enfrentar las crecientes protestas estudiantiles y su organización a través de Internet y redes sociales como Twitter.

"Valdés sólo ha gobernado Cuba con represión y un fusil en la mano, eso es para lo único que sirve.

Jamás ha gerenciado cuestiones de ingeniería", dijo Enrique Márquez, portavoz del partido opositor Un Nuevo Tiempo.

Actual ministro de Información y Comunicación, Valdés fue uno de los jóvenes militares que acompañaron a Fidel Castro en el asalto al Cuartel Moncada en 1953 que dio inicio a la revolución cubana y desde entonces ha ocupado varios altos cargos en el Gobierno, incluyendo la supervisión de las Industrias Básicas y la electricidad.

La combinación de una prolongada sequía junto con años de desinversión en el sector ha obligado a implantar desde el 2009 estrictos planes de racionamiento, lo que analistas creen que podría ralentizar la salida del país petrolero de la recesión.



Foto de archivo del funcionario cubano Ramiro Valdés (izquierda en la imagen) junto al presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, durante una ceremonia en el Panteón Nacional en Caracas, ene 1 2009. REUTERS/Miraflores Palace/Handout

Perú exhibe aviones A-37

LIMA (AP) - El ministerio de Defensa mostró el jueves en una ceremonia militar ocho aviones usados A-37 que fueron entregados de forma gratuita por el gobierno de Corea del Sur a la Fuerza Aérea. "Los aviones servirán para el resguardo fronterizo, para entrenamiento de los cadetes, para el combate al narcotráfico y apoyarán al Sistema de Vigilancia Amazónica y Nacional que está enlazado con la vigilancia de Brasil", dijo el ministro de Defensa Rafael Rey a la televisora estatal TV Perú. Los ocho aviones fueron fabricados por la compañía estadounidense Cessna en la década de 1970 y luego comprados por Corea del Sur que los retiró del servicio en 2007.

"Nosotros tenemos aviones del mismo tipo pero con una antigüedad de 25 años y de los cuales muy poquitos están operativos, de tal manera que la donación reemplazará una flotilla que está absolutamente envejecida y en muchos casos inoperativa", dijo el ministro. Rey informó que el gobierno sudcoreano también donó ocho motores y repuestos adicionales para los aviones cedidos.

"Esta es una ayuda importante que suma más de 66 millones de dólares", añadió.

En la ceremonia militar estuvieron presentes el embajador de Corea del Sur en Perú, Byung-Kil Han, el viceministro adjunto para la Administración de Fuerzas y Recursos del Ministerio de Defensa Nacional de Corea Joo-Won Kim.

Honduras instala en ocho día comisión de la verdad

TEGUCIGALPA (AP) - Honduras instalará en ocho días la comisión de la verdad que rendirá un informe de lo acontecido en torno al derrocamiento del presidente Manuel Zelaya, con lo cual el nuevo gobierno aspira a recuperar la confianza de la comunidad internacional.

"Existe la voluntad y el compromiso del presidente (Porfirio) Lobo de tomar acciones para revaluar lo sucedido con el fin de crear una conciencia nacional que dé paso a la verdadera unidad nacional y mejore el futuro del país", dijo el jueves en rueda

de prensa el canciller Mario Stein Canahuati. iulio

Junto al canciller estuvo el ex vicepresidente de Guatemala (2004-2008) Eduardo Stein, a quien Lobo encomendó a coordinación del ente. Canahuati indicó que el Acuerdo Tegucigalpa-San José suscrito por representantes del gobierno de facto y del derrocado presidente Manuel Zelaya, cuyo contenido finalmente no alcanzó a resolver la crisis política en el país, contempló la creación de dicha comisión de la verdad y le otorgó un plazo de seis meses para instalarla.

Stein dijo que "entre julio y agosto podríamos tener las conclusiones y recomendaciones de nuestro trabajo".

El político y diplomático guatemalteco dijo que primero definirá los alcances, límites, composición, modalidades operativas y la manera en que la comisión se relacionará con las diferentes instancias de la vida del país y el extranjero. Agregó que en una semana sabrá cuántas personas le ayudarán y los recursos de los que dispondrá para cumplir su tarea, aunque no dijo de donde los obtendría.



